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Chapter 37: Test of Courage (4)

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YOU KNOW, TENDOU YOU'VE CHANGED A BIT...

I LIKE THE WAY YOU ARE NOW MORE.

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TOO BAD, TACHIBANA. IT SEEMS I HAVEN'T CHANGE ONE BIT.

HOST

YES, YOUR T-

AYANO-SAN APPARENTLY FELL OFF A CLIFF AND WAS HURT

I GOT A MAIL FROM HER.

STOP THE TEST OF COURAGE IMMEDIATELY

CAN I NOTIFY EVERYONE ABOUT THAT MAIL?

...GO AHEAD.

OKAY.

GATHER ROUND GUYS! WE'RE STOPPING THE TEST OF COU-RAGE!

AW? WHY?

WHAT'S WRONG?

SOMEONE WAS INJURED! SHE FELL OFF A CLIFF SOMEWHERE AROUND THE BOULDER.

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SUGA, NO WAY! WHO WAS IT?

AYANO-SAN FROM CLASS B

...HUH? BUT I DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY MAIL..

I RECEIVED THE MAIL.

THE WAY SHE DID IT IS SO TROUBLE-SOME.

KEEP IT A SECRET... FROM ME...

WAIT, ICHINOSE-KUN!

I'LL GO SAVE HER.

COME HERE FOR A SEC TACHIBANA-KUN!

It's already dark, instead of many people searching for her

It's faster and safer if I go, since I know this mo...

IGNORE

...!

Ah!

Owww Ouuuch!

?!

An injured person! Should obediently wait here!

Huuuh?! Stop messing around!!

This wound is nothing! The bandage was just because they're exaggerating!

She's strong...

I see. Now I know why Ayano-san didn't directly contact you.

What ?!

Because you're a one-track minded idiot

I'm seriously gonna get mad.

You can't carry Ayano-san with that hand, can you?

To be blunt, you'll just be a hindrance.

Hhn...

Come with me, Yamamoto!

O-okay!

Tendou, contact my house and call Shuuni-chan here

Got it.

The rest of you guys, don't move around and stay here.

Host, if you don't hear from me after 20 minutes, call an ambulance.

Okay.

Class rep, don't cry.

Uwaa...

Calm down, Ichinose-kun. This isn't the time for a fight.

I'll save her for sure.

I chose the best and fairest answer

Everyone's personal interests should be put aside for the meantime

Or else I'd have pretended I didn't know anything

After all... lives should be a priority

Ayano-san's request

Ichinose-kun's wish to rush out immediately

My own desire not to let Tachibana know and go there

Tachibana's likely disappointment if she finds out about my lie.

All of those must be ignored.

If you're in a pinch, it's alright to ask for help from people around you.

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID. BUT YOU WON'T LET ICHINOSE-KUN TO PAMPER YOU

WELL... I FEEL BAD FOR HIM. BUT I HOPE THIS MAKES HIM INSISTENT

CAN'T BE HELPED. I'LL JUST HAVE TO BE MORE INSISTENT

NOW... HOW SHOULD I LIE ABOUT IT TO TACHIBANA...

SHOULD I USE THIS OPPORTUNITY AND CONFESS?

HUH...

WHERE AM I...?

WHOSE BACK IS THIS? YUU'S ...?

NO, I'M SURE I ASKED TENDOU-SAN

TO KEEP IT A SECRET FROM YUU...

...IS HE MAD?

SHIT, SORRY

TSU BASA!

EH

...AS EXPECTED

TSU BASA!!

AYANO-SAN...!

Uaaa

FORTUNATELY PLANTS CUSHIONED THE FALL. SO ONLY HER LEG WAS INJURED

BUT YOU STILL NEED TO VISIT A HOSPITAL.

MY BROTHER IS A MED STUDENT

I APPLIED FIRST AID FOR THE MEAN TIME.

THANK... YOU VERY MUCH.

...UH... THE ONE WHO CARRIED ME HERE IS...

DON'T TELL ME IT WAS YUU... WITH THAT MIND-INJURY HE DON'T PUSH HIMSELF DID HE?

TACHIBANA-KUN FOUND AND CARRIED YOU.

I SEE. THANK YOU

NOT IF THE ONE OF BLIND TRUTH YOU DON'T WORRY ABOUT...

TACHIBANA-KUN, YOU TWO LOOK SO SWEET

...EH?

TENDOU-SAN DID AS I ASKED HER.

...I SEE.

TACHIBA NA-KUN DID

...I'M GLAD.

PLUS YOU WERE HURT. SO IT...
CONTACTED TENDOU-SAN INSTEAD...
...!
...?
WHAT?
HOP ON.
HUH...? ARE YOU GONNA HURT ME AFTER...? I SAID I'M SORRY...
CAN'T YOU JUST SHUT UP AND HOP ON?
I DON'T WANT TO... YOUR HAND IS INJURED
I CAN WALK YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH YOURSELF
I'M ALSO FINE NOW
HOP ON. PLEASE...
I'LL STRANGLE YOU IF YOU SAY I'M HEAVY.
HEAVY
I'M KIDDING. YOU'RE AS LIGHT AS A FEATHER.
TENDOU-SAN'S BACK IS SO WARM...
IT'S THE FIRST TIME A BOY GAVE ME A PIGGY BACK RIDE
TACHIBANA-KUN GAVE YOU ONE EARLIER.
OH, RIGHT
HE'S STOLEN A MUSEN ON ME ON EVERYTHING
WHAT?
NOTHING.
.....
!
HEY IT'S FINE ALREADY PUT ME DOWN.
Tsuyoshi Tendou.
IT'S NOT FINE. JUST SHUT UP AND HOLD ON TIGHT
YOU SHOULD RELY ON A BOY AT TIMES LIKE THIS
BOY. MY ASS!
EVEN THOUGH YOU ASKED FOR A PIGGY BACK RIDE FROM ME BACK IN GRADE SCHOOL
BUT NOW!
I'M NOT A GRADE SCHOOL -ER!
I'M NOT YOUR LITTLE BROTHER EITHER!
I'M ...!!

...A BOY.
SOMEONE LIKE YOU IS LIGHT.
I CAN CARRY YOU ON MY BACK
SO OBEDIENTLY LET ME CARRY YOU.
I'VE NEVER HEARD YUU YELL LIKE THAT
AND IT KEPT ON RINGING IN MY HEAD
A... BOY.
THERE'S STILL SOME DISTANCE BEFORE WE ARRIVE HOME.
BUT I COULDN'T TELL HIM TO PUT ME DOWN AFTER THAT.
YUU'S HAND,
MY LEG,
AND FOR SOME REASON MY CHEST, ALL HURT.
I CAN'T LIGHTLY CARRY YUU ON MY BACK LIKE BEFORE.
WE'RE NO LONGER EQUALS.
AND I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD THOSE AT THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER BREAK.
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